

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 23, 2010 has been reviewed. In the Notice, the Examiner noted a minor inconsistency in claim 15 of the December 14, 2009 Amendment as compared to the December 4, 2009 Amendment. The Examiner also expressed confusion as to the status of the claims. The Examiner requested that the claim listing of the December 4, 2009 Amendment be updated and resubmitted.

Any confusion resulting from the December 14, 2009 Amendment is regretted. The interlineated word "the" in the wherein clause of claim 15 was an inadvertent remnant from the December 4, 2009 Amendment. The purpose for filing the December 14, 2009 Amendment was to amend claim 27 to change "bar-like member" to "inner guide member" near the end of the fifth paragraph of the claim. Thus, in the present claim listing that additional change is made. Otherwise, the claim amendments made in the December 4, 2009 Amendment are left intact. The correction to the specification was submitted December 14, 2009.

This Response is intended to address the Examiner's concerns. If minor status identifier issues remain, the Examiner is authorized to make corrections by Examiner's Amendment.

The previously filed Remarks are incorporated in this Amendment. As all grounds of objection and rejection have been addressed and overcome, entry of the prior Amendments and this Amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance of the claims, as now presented, are respectfully solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (117386.0107). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Any fees due are authorized above.

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